Joey's first communion 1973 — May

We are one in Jesus

St. John Parish
Solemn Communion
May 12, 1973

MASS FOR SOLEMN COMMUNION

Entrance Song: Joy is Like the Rain

1) I saw raindrops on my window,
Joy is like the rain.
Laughter runs across my pain,
slips away and comes again.
Joy is like the rain.

2) I saw rain-drops on the river,
Joy is like the rain,
Bit by bit the river grows,
'til all at once it over flows.
Joy is like the rain.

Introduction:

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
C. And also with you.
P. My brothers and sisters, to prepare ourselves to celebrate Christ's presence with us, let us call to mind our sins:

P. For the times we turned our backs on our brothers and sisters, especially when they needed our help...
C. LORD HAVE MERCY.
P. For the times when we didn't pay attention to our parents and teachers because we didn't want to listen...
C. CHRIST HAVE MERCY.
P. For the times we as parents lacked patience and understanding in our relationships with others, especially our children...
C. LORD HAVE MERCY.

Prayer

Gloria:

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, Heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
for you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer

First Reading: I John 4: 7,9,11

Response:

We will hear your word one in love.
We will live your word one in love.
We will spread your word one in love.

GOSPEL: John 17: 20-26

Homily

Prayer of the Faithful (children)

Families Bring Symbolic Gifts: (baptismal candles, robe, flowers, wheat, grapes, bread, wine)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory Song: All That I Am

1) All that I am, all that I do,
All that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.

Chorus:
Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honor, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
Is enough reward.

2) All that I dream, all that I pray,
All that I'll ever make,
I give to you today.

P. Pray, brethren, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God, the Almighty Father.

C. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

The prayer over the gifts follows; the people respond:

C. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Lift up your hearts.

C. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C. It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, by the will of the Father and the work of the Holy Spirit your death brought life to the world. By your holy body and blood free me from all my sins and from every evil. Keep me faithful to your teaching, and never let me be parted from you.

P. This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

C. (once only) Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

Communion Song: Let Us Break Bread Together

1) Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2) Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3) Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me. Amen.

Communion Meditation: (children)

CONCLUDING RITE

P. The Lord be with you.
C. And also with you.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
C. Amen.

P. Go and share your love as you have today.
C. Thanks be to God.

Recessional: Gonna Sing, My Lord

1) Gonna sing, my Lord, — for all that I'm worth;
Gonna sing, my Lord, for allthat I'm worth, Lord Lord.
Gonna sing, My Lord, for all that I'm worth; —
Gonna sing, my Lord, Lord, Lord, — till I see your face. —

2) Gonna love.....

3) Gonna laugh.....

(You and your friends are invited to join us for refreshments in the Church basement)

At the end of the Preface:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Children's Canon

After the consecration:

P. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C. Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life,
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Concluding doxology:

P. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

C. Amen.

P. (Sing) Great Amen.

COMMUNION RITE

P. Let us pray with confidence to the Father in the words our Savior gave us:

C. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.

P. Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day.
In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety
as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

C. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles: I leave you peace,
my peace I give you. Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your
Church, and grant us the peace and unity of your kingdom where you
live forever and ever.

C. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you.

C. And also with you.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

P. May this mingling of the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
bring eternal life to us who receive it.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.